

GRANT OFFICE USE ONLY

Notification to ITS:

Initials:

GRANT AWARD APPROVAL FORM

1. Official Name of Grant Program: Date of SBE approval of grant criteria 05/09/02

2002 – 2003 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant
(years) (title)

☒ Initial ☐ Amendment ☐ Continuation
(type)

Legislation Authorizing this Grant Program: P.A. 521 of 2002, Section 32d (2) and (3) of the State School Aid Act; P.A. 522 of 2002, Michigan Department of Education Appropriations Act

☐ Federal Grant CFDA Number

☒ State Grant

☐ Other (Private, Foundation)

2. Type and Purpose of Grant Program: (check one)

The longitudinal evaluation of the state-funded preschool program for four-year-old children at risk of school failure is important in development and furthering the SBE priorities of ensuring early childhood literacy and integrating communities and schools. The grant will continue the evaluation for an additional five years, funding permitting, to determine the effectiveness of the program. The evaluation will also focus on continuous program improvement strategies and child outcomes.

☒ Competitive

☐ Formula

☐ Other

(specify)

3. SBE Priorities and Policies that this Grant Program Supports: (check all that apply)

Priorities

☒ Integrating Communities and Schools

☐ Elevating Educational Leadership

☐ Embracing the Information Age

☒ Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy

☐ Ensuring Excellent Educators

Policies

☐ Bullying

☐ Character Education

☐ Creating Effective Learning Environments

☒ Family Involvement

☐ Safe Schools

☐ Other

(specify)

4. Grant Categories (if not described in Item 2): ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

5. Target Population to be Served by Grant:

The Michigan School Readiness Program will serve almost 26,000 four-year-old children in FY 2003. A continuing intensive evaluation will follow cohort 1, who will be in sixth grade in 2002-2003, and cohort 2, who will be in fifth grade, in six participating program grantees/consortia of grantees. A third cohort of children who attended the Michigan School Readiness program in Detroit and COOR ISD was added in 2000-2001, and will also be followed. A fourth cohort will be added this year. In addition, the extensive evaluation will involve all 466 participating school districts and 67 funded agencies.

6. Total Funds Awarded:

\$200,000 from the State School Aid Act, Section 32

\$100,000 from the Department of Education Appropriations Act

7. Eligible Applicants:

Any agency or organization with previous experience in the design and utilization of program and process evaluation. The initial competitive grant was offered to educational research organizations, universities and ISDs in 1994-95, and awarded to the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation for three years. A second competition was held for the 1997-98 grant, with continuation contingent on funding and performance for an additional five years. This award is for the third round of funding, also for five years, contingent on funding and performance. The High/Scope Educational Research Foundation has worked collaboratively with the Department and grantees to provide an evaluation that has received national attention for its scientifically valid approach. The results have been used extensively to validate the Michigan School Readiness Program and for continuous improvement efforts.

8. Description of Priorities Given to Any Specific Population or Location: ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

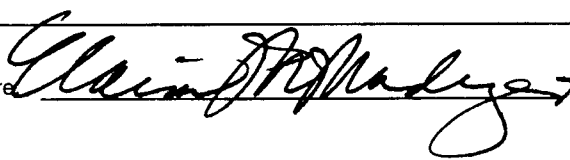
9. Grant Administration:

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10. OFFICE	Office Director Approval Signature: <u></u> Phone: <u>13592</u> Comments: _____	Date: <u>11-4-02</u>
11. BUDGET OFFICE	Budget Office Approval Signature: <u>N/A</u> Comments: _____	Date: _____
12. GRANTS OFFICE	Grants Office Approval Signature: <u></u> Comments: <u>Exhibits B and C are not required.</u>	Date: <u>11-6-02</u>
13. DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT	Deputy Superintendent Approval Signature: <u></u> Comments: _____	Date: <u>11-13-02</u>
14. SUPERINTENDENT	Superintendent Approval Signature: <u></u> Comments: _____	Date: <u>11-14-02</u>

INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. Complete items 1-10 on this form. The Grants Administration Unit will facilitate completion of items 11-14.
- B. Attach three (3) sets of Exhibits A, B, and C.
 Exhibit A---List of applicants (alphabetical order) recommended for funding, the amount requested, the amount recommended, and a three to five sentence abstract of the proposal.
 Exhibit B---List of applicants (alphabetical order) not recommended for funding and the amount each requested.
 Exhibit C---Map of Michigan indicating the location of recommended applicants.
- C. Attach the grant award letters for the Superintendent's signature and the non-award letters for the Service Area Director's signature. The letters should be submitted in the same order given in Exhibit A and/or B. For each final Grant Award Notification letter, a Grant Award Notification form (yellow sheet) also needs to be submitted for the Superintendent's signature.
- D. Transmit Grant Award Approval Form (pink), attachments, and letters to the Grant Administration Unit.

2002-2003 Michigan School Readiness Program Evaluation Grant

For 1994-95 through 1996-97, \$100,000 was available each year in the Department of Education Appropriations Act for the design and implementation of the longitudinal evaluation study of the Michigan School Readiness Program. Through a competitive grant process, the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation was awarded funds to begin the evaluation. For 1997-98, an additional \$200,000 for the evaluation was available in the State School Aid budget, for a total of \$300,000. High/Scope Educational Research Foundation again competed successfully for an initial year and four continuation years, based on renewed state funding and adequate progress. The 2002-2003 year represents the first year of a third cycle, again for five years, pending continued appropriations and appropriate progress. The success of the evaluation in validating the Michigan School Readiness Program, and the growing national attention to the scientifically valid methodology, make the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation the choice for continuation of the longitudinal evaluation.

Although one recipient is coordinating the evaluation, districts/agencies involved in the project are located statewide.

There were no other applicants.

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
High/Scope Educational Research Foundation Ypsilanti, Michigan	\$300,000	\$300,000